



The Kentucky Historical Society recently launched the 2021 National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy) contest season with a regional contest for students in the Murray region. The contest drew 11 students from 4 schools and engaged the talents of 6 volunteer judges.

National History Day in Kentucky is like a traditional science fair, but with projects related to an annual history theme. The 2021 theme was “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Students work individually or within small groups to develop a project in the format of their choice: exhibits, documentaries, websites, performances, or papers. Volunteer judges, recruited from museums, universities, teachers, and the local community, evaluate the projects for qualities such as historical accuracy, sources used, multiple perspectives analyzed, and relevance to the annual theme. The top 1/3 of projects in each category advances to the NHDKy State Contest.

Winners were announced at a virtual ceremony on March 31. The following students qualified for the opportunity to compete at the National History Day in Kentucky State Contest which will be held virtually in late April.

The NHDKy team at the Kentucky Historical Society would like to send our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in the program during these challenging times. Thank you for helping make the NHDKy program possible for students in 2021!

To find out more or to become involved in this program visit: www.nhd.org or <https://history.ky.gov/for-educators/national-history-day/>.

Junior Individual Documentary

- Samuel Palenzuela, *America's Breakdown in Communication Leads Cuba Towards Communism*, Mahaffey Middle School

Junior Individual Exhibit

- Rex Gay, *The United States and the America: An Avoidable Tragedy on the Ohio River*, Paducah Middle School
- Elijah Stanger, *Communication on the Titanic*, New Covenant Academy

Junior Group Exhibit

- Halle Allred and Evie Schroeder, *William Tyndale: Father of the English Bible*, New Covenant Academy

Junior Individual Performance

- Isabella Palenzuela, *Tragic Communication Errors that Led to the Bombing of Pearl Harbor*, Mahaffey Middle School

Junior Individual Website

- Caroline Adkins, *Speaking Through Stitches: How Quits Have Communicated Through History*, Paducah Middle School

Senior Group Documentary

- Elena Adkins, Azlyn Goodyke and Liam Black, *"All Governments Lie...That's a Pretty Good Rule:" The Communication of Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*, Paducah Tilghman High School

Senior Individual Performance

- Katie Bidwell, *Communicating Creatively: How Annie Sullivan Worked to Eradicate Communication Barriers*, Paducah Tilghman High School